Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In 1965 at Duke University, the first physician assistant (PA) training program was launched with a class consisting of four former military corpsmen; and,

WHEREAS, Physician assistants are skilled members of the health care team who, working dependently under the supervision of licensed physicians, provide a broad range of medical services; and,

WHEREAS, Physician assistants work in a variety of settings, including private practice, hospitals, health maintenance organizations, nursing homes, student health services, and urban and rural clinics; and,

WHEREAS, The U.S. government, which has helped fund PA educational programs since 1971, employs PAs in the military, Veterans Administration, Bureau of Prisons, Public Health Service, and other agencies; and,

WHEREAS, PAs are certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants after passing an examination developed by the National Board of Medical Examiners; and,

WHEREAS, Physician assistants, working with physicians, promote better distribution of health care services and can improve accessibility to care in rural areas and underserved communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 23 through 27, 1987, as

STATE PA AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE